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New and Rare Plants

Offered by

A. BLANC & CO.,

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., U. S. A.

NEW AND RARE PLANTS,

Offered for sale by

A. BLANC & CO., Philadelphia.

NEW ABUTILON
Souv. de Bonn

Without a doubt this is the most beautiful of all the Abutilons. The bright green leaves are distinctly edged with a broad, pure white band, as shown in illustration. The long-stemmed flowers are of golden yellow color veined with scarlet, and stand well outside the foliage, producing a pleasing contrast. It is exceedingly floriferous. Either bedded out or as a pot plant makes fine specimens in a short time.

$1.50 per doz., $8 per 100.

Abutilon Souvenir de Bonn. Electro B5225, $3.

Polyanthes Mexicana.

(SPOTTED TUBEROSE.)

An exceedingly rare species of Tuberose, probably not offered elsewhere. It makes a fine ornamental plant, the dark green leaves being curiously spotted above and below with deep brown or black. It produces, yearly, fine spikes 3 to 4 feet tall, studded with sweet-scented, yellowish flowers of attractive form. While it is an evergreen, the tuberous-like roots can be kept dry for several months without injury.

Growing plants, 30 cts. each, $2 per doz., $12 per 100.
Roots, $1 per doz., $7 per 100.

Spotted Tuberose. Electro B5006, $1.50.

Allamanda Williamsii.

This handsome variety is entirely distinct from all others, being quite dwarf and in no way resembling a climber, but forming a compact bush with trusses of bloom at every point, and having from 2 to 4 expanded blooms on each extremity at the same time, and buds innumerable. It continues flowering the whole summer, and, with proper management, in winter also. The flowers are from 3½ to 4½ inches in diameter, of a very rich, delicate tint of yellow, and deliciously scented. Good young plants.

35 cts. each, $3 per doz., $15 per 100.
Electro 2½ inches square, $2.

Bougainvillea glabra Sanderiana.

Bougainvillea glabra, var. Sanderiana. (New.) Electro, B5236, $5. Flowering Branch, $3.50. Plant in Pot, $2.

It affords us great pleasure to offer this new and by far the most useful flowering plant known. We have grown this new Bougainvillea in a greenhouse, where it has continued flowering for seven months, small and large plants alike being covered with blossoms. Even plants in thumb-pots were laden with bloom. The house in which our plants have been cultivated has been a sheet of flowers from May until December, and at the time of writing (December 30) the plants are carrying thousands of their brilliant blossoms. Many excellent judges state that this will be a favorite market plant, as it produces as freely as a fuchsia its dazzling *rosy crimson flowers*, lasting so long in perfection, and produced in smallest pots, under all conditions, in amazing profusion. We can with all confidence recommend this grand plant as a great acquisition.—*Sander & Co.*

A first-class certificate was awarded Messrs. Sander & Co. by the Royal Horticultural Society for this new plant.

Price for delivery December 15, 50 cts. each. $3.50 per doz., $20 per 100. For delivery March 1, 1895, $2.50 per doz., $15 per 100. Colored plate sent on receipt of 10 cts. At this date, November 1, the price for this plant is still $1.87 each in England, as will be seen by the advertisement printed below.

NOVELTY, 1894.

Bougainvillea glabra Sanderiana.

The most useful and brilliant flowering plant known—First-class Certificate Royal Horticultural Society, April 24, 1894—of the most easy culture, either in the Greenhouse, Conservatory or Plant Stove, producing its magnificent rosy crimson bracts and yellow blossoms in the smallest pots, under all conditions, in the greatest abundance and amazing profusion. Price, 7s. 6d. each.

SANDER & CO., St. Albans.

Caryopteris Mastacanthus.

(BLUE SPIRÆA.)

This is one of the most brilliant novelties from China that we have to offer this season, and, without doubt, one of the greatest acquisitions. With us it has bloomed ever since May, even in 2-inch pots, and at this date the plants have formed specimens 2 to 3 feet high and wide, which are still a mass of flowers of the most pleasing, rich lavender blue, a color so rare among flowers. It grows more readily than a geranium, even in a dry spot, and it is sure to become a favorite as a cut flower, as a pot plant and for the garden. Plants potted and brought into the house will bloom profusely throughout the winter months, and give an abundance of graceful flowering branches. Bees are extremely fond of this plant, which is in bloom until November, when they cannot visit other flowers, and this will make it doubly valuable.

Caryopteris Mastacanthus. (Blue Spiræa.)
Electro B5244, $4.
Plant, $2. Spray of Flowers, $2.50.

From *Gardening:* "This is the finest blooming shrub-like plant we have in flower just now. It is one mass of rich blue flowers, and has been in bloom for months. The heat and drought hav no effect on it."

From *The Garden:* "I never remember seeing this Chinese plant so full of blooms. The clear bright weather has made the color of the flowers much brighter. They are borne in the greatest profusion, and are quite a mass of blue. At Kew it has been an object of beauty for some time. A certificate of merit was bestowed upon it by the Horticultural Society of Ghent."

From *Garden and Forest:* "In the first volume of *Garden and Forest* Mr. Max Leichtlin spoke of it as being hardy with him, and in dry positions it will survive ordinary winters as far north as Boston. Its great value consists in its blooming so late and so profusely. The individual flowers of the large light blue clusters are small, but the corymbs are sufficiently large and abundant to be quite conspicuous. The flowers are slightly fragrant and the leaves strongly aromatic. It is so easily grown that it ought soon to become common." Also highly spoken of in the *Revue Horticole* and by Mr. Thomas Meehan, in *The Country Gentleman.*

It was twice color-plated in Europe.

Plants, 20 cts. each, $1.50 per doz., $8 per 100. Extra large stock plants, $20 per 100.

☞ We can strongly recommend Caryopteris to all our customers.

Centrosema grandiflora.

We brought this to the notice of the trade two years ago, and since then the demand has so steadily and greatly increased that one firm alone bought 20,000 plants this year.

Electro B5078, $3.50.

It is a perfectly hardy perennial vine of rare beauty, blooming in June from seed sown in April, and bearing in the greatest profusion inverted, pea-shaped flowers from 1½ to 2½ inches in diameter, ranging in color from white to rosy violet and reddish purple, with a broad feathered white marking through the center. The large buds and the backs of the flowers are pure white—a graceful contrast. The flowers are produced in the greatest abundance, sometimes 6 to 8 in a single cluster.

Plants 20 cts. each, $1.50 per doz., $8 per 100. Seed $1 per oz., $8 per lb. (Not less than 1 lb. at lb. rate.)

Carex Japonica variegata.

The exquisite gracefulness of this **new** decorative gem is well shown in our cut, and will find a place for it among Palms, Ferns and Dracænas. Indeed, its slender green foliage, edged with white, cannot be equalled by any other plant. It is extremely easy to grow, will stand heated atmosphere with impunity, and can be carelessly handled without being damaged. Decidedly a plant for florists and for indoor culture, and yet it is hardy in the garden. Another valuable introduction by Messrs. Veitch & Sons, who were awarded a first-class certificate for it by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Plants 20 cts. each, $1.50 per doz., $10 per 100.

Carex Japonica variegata. Electro B5243, $2.50.

CARNATION "URIAH PIKE."

(NEW CRIMSON PERPETUAL-FLOWERING.)

We take great pleasure in offering this grand new Carnation to the trade. It will certainly prove the most decided acquisition to the winter-flowering section that has ever been raised. It possess an extremly vigorous constitution, such as no other Carnation can boast of. The color is a glowing crimson velvety self—absolutely unique; flowers produced abundantly and continuously; perfect in form; they mit ae powerful clove fragrance, and measure 2½ to 3 inches across. The calyx is faultless, always remaining intact. (Awarded Certificate of Merit and Silver Banksian medal by the Royal Horticultural Society. Also Floral Certificate from Royal Botanical Society.

Price, 50 cts. each, $4 per doz.
Delivery January 1, 1895; for later delivery, price on application.

Two New Clematises.

(CRIMSON and PINK.)

CLEMATIS, MADAME EDOUARD ANDRE.

This fine Clematis was first exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, in the French department. It attracted the attention of the trade owing to the brilliancy of its flowers, which are of the *most vivid crimson*, extremely large in size, and produced in the greatest abundance, even on plants of smallest size. This color is unapproached by any other Clematis, and has won high praise for it here and abroad. It is a rapid grower, hardy, prolific and continuous bloomer. Offered for the first time this season.

Price, 50c. each, $3.50 per doz., $25 per 100.

CLEMATIS, MAD. BARON VEILLARD.

This, the *Pin Clematis*, is also a new plant of great merit, quite equal to the above in every respect, differing from it in that the color of the flowers is of the most delicate satiny pink. Extremely hardy, vigorous in growth, and a profuse bloomer.

Price, 30 cts. each, $2.50 per doz., $15 per 100.

Clematis Mad. Edouard Andre. Electro 5263, $4.

Clerodendron fragrans. Electro B5262, $3 50.

The Fragrant Clerodendron.

Our cut gives an excellent idea of the beauty of this plant. The large, tropical looking leaves and compact heads, of most exquisite waxy white flowers, are as delicious in fragrance as a gardenia or jessamine. A single bunch could well form a bouquet in itself. Add to this its easy growth as a pot-plant and the fact that it is almost hardy, and little more is needed to make it popular. A native of China, which, moreover, is entirely hardy in the south, where it thrives well, and forms a beautiful, spreading bush of rapid growth.

Price, 20 cts. each, $1.50 per doz., $8 per 100.

Datura Coccinea. Electro B5274, $3 50.

DATURA COCCINEA.

Flowers Yellow and Crimson.

Datura coccinea is a perennial; forms fine, bushy specimens. The flowers are fully 7 inches long, distinct and brilliant in color, the tube being of a rich golden yellow, gradually shading into deep crimson. The plant is scarce and valuable, and offered for the first time.

50 cts. each, $5 per doz., $30 per 100.

Of *Datura cornucopia* we have the seed.

DATURA ARBOREA.

Fine double white flowers. $6 per 1,000.

STOCK SOLD.

Set of Royal Coleus.

COLEUS, MRS. F. SANDER. We have no hesitation in saying that this is the most beautiful and distinct Coleus yet raised; dwarf and bushy in habit, it makes a perfect pot plant.

This splendid variety differs from all other Coleus in having a wedge of creamy white in the center of the leaf, with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple. This central wedge-shaped creamy white blotch occupies the greater half of the leaf, and is sometimes splashed with magenta and porphyry. First-class certificate awarded.

EMPRESS OF INDIA. The leaves of this magnificent variety are of enormous size, creamy yellow at the base, suffused with emerald-green with a central band of deep purple, the ground color of the leaf being a deep magenta-crimson, intermixed with maroon, and growing deeper towards the margins until the edges are almost black.

PRINCESS OF WALES. A splendid variety; the ground color of the leaves is bright magenta, spreading flame-like over the leaf, with crimson-chocolate markings intervening. The edges are very deeply toothed and margined with creamy yellow and bright green. At the base of each leaf there is a patch of creamy yellow, with orange yellow and emerald green mosaic marking.

PRINCESS MAY. This superb variety has huge leaves of pale, creamy ground color, and is remarkable for the rich mosaic markings in various shades of green, crimson and yellow. Sometimes the margins of the leaves are ornamented with an edging of emerald green and rich crimson.

DUKE OF YORK. One of the richest and most beautiful of the set; the chocolate-red and almost black ground color of the leaves and reticulated emerald green markings produce a novel and very rich effect.

PRINCE ALBERT EDWARD. Monstrous leaves of a beautiful pale chrome color, splashed with emerald green at the base, bright crimson lake being the predominating color. Leaves also exquisitely serrated and deeply cut.

PRINCESS BEATRICE. Here we have great size of leaf, brilliant coloring and faultless habit; the creamy white veinings of the leaves intermixed with amber, green and intense crimson, the latter color sometimes developed in an extraordinary degree, form a most charming combination.

This set of Coleus was sent out by Messrs. Sander & Co, this season at $1.50 per plant. Our price, 35 cts. each, $2.50 per doz., $15 per 100, subject to reduction Delivery, January 15, 1895.

Coleus, Mrs. F. Sander. Electro, $2.

Lotus Pelyorensis. (Coral Gem.) Electro B5309, $3. Same electro, 2¼ inches, $1.25.

LOTUS PELYORENSIS.

(Coral Gem.)

This charming plant seems to be unknown in this country, yet it is so well thought of abroad that a prominent horticultural journal color-plated it. *The Garden* says of it: "Its slender branching habit is most striking, and the *silvery foliage* even more so. Without its flowers it might almost be described as a Silvery Asparagus."

But the bright coral-red flowers, measuring 2 inches in length, are really beautiful, greatly reminding one of the rare and beautiful Clianthus or Glory Pea, so difficult to grow, while this gem is of the easiest possible management. Its drooping habit also makes it useful for hanging baskets. It is nearly hardy.

Price, 20 cts. each, $1.50 per doz., $8 per 100.

Cotyledon Edulis.

(Finger Tips.)

A new plant of great value for many purposes. The fleshy, round, bright green leaves, of the thickness of a pencil and 3 to 4 inches long, grow so close together as to form a green carpet, and should make it useful for bedding out, as it stands the longest drought. For rockeries it is excellent, and as a window plant few have its equal. Moreover, it produces in long succession large clusters of waxy like flowers of creamy whiteness, retaining their exquisite vanilla-like fragrance for weeks. Easily grown and propagated.

Price, 25 cts. each, $2 per doz., $10 per 100.

Cotyledon edulis. Electro B5251, $1.50.

Pellionia. Electro B5322, $2.

PELLIONIA.

So-called Mexican Peperomia. One of the handsomest greenhouse or parlor plants that we have ever seen. We can say nothing but praise in its behalf. The engraving herewith shows but faintly its beauty. It grows very rapidly in a warm, moist place, sending out long creeping or drooping branches in every direction. The foliage is of the most beautiful olive-green, marbled all over with silvery gray, and covered with a purplish velvety luster, while the under sides of the leaves are bright red. Its drooping habit makes it most desirable as a basket plant for specimens on pedestals. Being of easy growth and propagation, it will soon become very popular. It will certainly delight.

Price, 15 cts. each, $1.25 per doz., $8 per 100.

Phygelius Capensis. 3 x 1½ in. Electro B5341, $1.50.

Cape Fuchsia.

(PHYGELIUS CAPENSIS.)

Seldom have we seen a plant so charming and free-blooming. During our past dry summer it was never out of flower, while geraniums alongside of it were perishing. Plants barely a few inches high bear from 10 to 20 bold, long spikes, completely crowded with showy scarlet, drooping flowers, persistently produced from May until late autumn, when they can be brought in for winter blooming. It is also a good bedding plant, grown singly or in masses; does well in poor soil, moist or dry, and will probably prove hardy. Can also be grown from seed. We have it.

20 cts. each, $2 per doz., $10 per 100.

Phrynium variegatum.

We were the first to bring this noble plant to this country from Calcutta, and its merits have certainly been testified to by the thousands of fine specimens that have been grown from our original stock. Its tuberous root enables it to resist dry heat, hence its usefulness as a decorative plant for florists or amateurs. It has also been used for outdoor bedding. The leaves are most graceful; they combine all variations, from pure white to bright green and gray, with all intermediate shades. Of quick growth, soon forming valuable and bushy specimens. A first-class exhibition plant.

We have seen it sold at auction at $6 per plant!!

20 cts. each, $2 per doz., $10 per 100; quite small plants or tubers, $7 per 100; large plants, $25 per 100.

Peperomia metallica. Electro, $1.

Phrynium variegatum. Electro B5178, $3.50.

NEW

PEPEROMIA METALLICA.

This is an introduction from the great establishment of Messrs Linden, of Brussels, sufficient guarantee of its sterling value. We never saw a more beautiful little house plant. Its leaves are thick, waxy-like, and appear as if covered with bronze, so shiny and velvety. It is a gem indeed, that must be extensively advertised and is sure to delight. Moreover, its management is of the easiest.

Sent out this year at $1 each, yet our price is 25 cts. each, $2 per doz., $10 per 100, December 15.

Purple Cone Flower.

(RUDBECKIA PURPUREA.)

The Garden lately published a fine colored plate of this very showy perennial, which, while a native of this country, seems to have been overlooked until several articles praising its value appeared in the prominent horticultural journals. It grows to a height of 3 to 4 feet; the numerous stems are terminated by great heads of flowers, the cone of which is deep maroon and the florets of a bright, pinkish purple. The flowers are often 4 inches across or more, and remain on the plant for over a month.

It was interesting to note, at the recent R. H. S. show, how often this fine, hardy perennial was exhibited. It is welcome, as much as anything, for its color, which is very distinct. *Rudbeckia purpurea* in the garden makes an interesting feature throughout the autumn months.—P. W. WATSON, in *Garden and Forest.*

Mr. Watson does not overpraise this plant when he says: "It is one of the stateliest and most effective of the many noble composites which have been introduced from America." I have grown it for years, and among a large collection of hardy perennial herbaceous plants I consider it one of the finest and most striking

Purple Cone Flower. Electro B5348, $4.
Flower alone, $2. Plant alone, $2 50. Colored plate, 10 cts.

Rhodochiton volubile. Electro B5343, $3.50.

In growth it is vigorous and free, and it produces a profusion of purple flowers which last for a long time.—JOHN SAUL, in *Garden and Forest.*

Price, 25 cts. each, $2 per doz., $10 per 100. Colored plate, 10 cts.

PURPLE BELLS.

(Rhodochiton volubile.)

One of the best climbers. At this season it festoons the rafters of a cool greenhouse with wreaths of purple bell-like calyxes, with deep crimson, almost black corollas. It is of the simplest culture in large pots, or when planted out.—*Garden and Forest.*

Rhodochiton volubile is exceedingly graceful in habit. The branches are clothed with pale green leaves, from the axils of which droop the flowers, which have a prominent bell-shaped calyx of rosy purple color and dark purple tubular corolla. *The plant is in bloom* at all times. It may be grown in a mixture of rich loam and leaf mold in equal parts.—M. BARKER, in *Garden and Forest.*

The color of this rare climber is so unique that every one will be pleased with it.

Price, 20 cts. each, $2 per doz., $10 per 100. Colored plate, 10 cts.

NEW ROSE, CRIMSON RAMBLER.

Electro No. 8252. *Crimson Rambler*. $6.00.
No. 8253. Electro from wood-cut, same size, $6.00.
For smaller electros, see Catalogue of Electros No. 14.

We have a fine stock of Crimson Rambler Rose, grown for us by Mr. Antoine Wintzer, for 30 years grower for the Dingee & Conard Co., from stock purchased direct from Mr. Turner, the introducer.
Large colored plate of Crimson Rambler, 10 cents.

New Rose, Crimson Rambler.

Received the Gold Medal at Antwerp Exhibition for the best new plant introduced in 1893.

Decidedly the "Sensation of the Century."

Never has a new Rose created such an excitement.

It is of vigorous growth, making shoots from 8 to 10 feet in height during a season, and is consequently a most desirable climbing variety; when pegged down or grown as a bush, marvellous heads of bloom are the result. It is exceedingly hardy. As a pot-plant, it is unequalled for decorative purposes.

The flowers with which the plant is covered in the spring are produced in large trusses of pyramidal form and of the brightest crimson color. The blooms remain on the plant for a great length of time without losing their brightness. The foliage is also retained to a great extent during winter, making the plant almost an evergreen.

Gold Medal from National Rose Society,
Gold Medal from National Horticultural Society of France,
Gold Medal at Earl's Court Exhibition,

As well as numerous **first-class certificates,** have been awarded to this rose.

It is in our opinion the most beautiful hardy Rose introduced for many years.—*Gardeners' Chronicle.* But above all, Mr. Turner shows what one enthusiastic gardener describes as "the jewel of the day."—*Daily Telegraph.*

Even rival horticulturists are enthusiastic about it. It is said that the stock is worth $25,000 to its fortunate finder.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

Mr. Turner, of Slough, promises to distribute this *grand new* Rose next summer. He has an enormous stock of it, though not more than to meet the demand for it. *It grows very rapidly*, as freely as the weediest forms of *R. Polyantha*, and flowers just as freely.—*Garden and Forest.*

Crimson Rambler, at the National Horticultural Society of France, was awarded the gold medal as a new plant. As a proof of its persistency, it may be mentioned that when cut in proper condition *the flowers will remain fresh in water for two weeks.—Gardeners' Chronicle.*

300 Blooms on One Branch.

At this date (July 6), this *is a grand Rose.* I have a dozen plants on prepared land; did not prune much, merely shortened back, staked to support long growths, gave liberal mulch, and the clusters of bright crimson flowers at this date are beautiful. *On one shoot alone I counted over 300 blooms.*—G. Wythes, in *The Garden,* July 14, 1894.

Floral Decorations at Buckingham Palace.

On the occasion of the state concert at Buckingham Palace, on Monday evening, the decorations of the state rooms were carried out Messrs. Wills & Seegar. In the picture gallery are four white marble fire-places, and in each of these Mr. Wills employed sprays of Mr. Turner's *new Rose, Crimson Rambler,* with brilliant foliage, ferns, etc. The Rose was seen to its advantage under the bright light. The combination was perfect and it was one of the happy inspirations which so exalt the art of the decorator.—*Gardeners' Chronicle,* London, July 14, 1894.

For grouping or massing it will be splendid, its brilliant color being just what is wanted, whilst for a wall or building it will be grand, not only on account of its rich crimson color, but also for its freedom of growth and continuous blooming qualities. The flowers, resembling a well-grown Pelargonium, have a charming effect, and will be used largely for table decorations. It should also make a grand hedge plant.—*The Garden.*

The medal for the *best new plant* in flower was unanimously awarded to the new Rose, Crimson Rambler, and the plants were *purchased for the Royal Gardens.* The *same plants* had been exhibited at the Crystal Palace and other shows.—*Journal of Horticulture.*

Prices for delivery December 15, from 2½-inch pots, 50 cts. each, $3.50 per doz., $15 per 100. Special prices will be quoted for larger plants and later delivery.

Three New Solanums.

SOLANUM SEAFORTHIANUM.

Certainly one of the finest plants lately introduced. Every one is well acquainted with Solanum Jasminoides, and its merits are greatly appreciated. In this Solanum we have a far superior plant in every respect. It is of robust growth, soon making fine specimens that will climb over and cover a porch with most handsomely cut foliage. It is covered during the summer months with hundreds of clusters of large lavender-blue, Wistaria-like flowers, brightly set off with golden stamens, each cluster measuring 15 inches in circumference and often attaining a length of 12 inches. The flowers, which appear on the plants when only a few inches high, are succeeded by scarlet berries, remaining perfect for a long time. A brilliant future stands before it. The most prominent European horticultural publications have praised it in most flattering terms, and a colored plate of it was published in *The Garden*. At the Royal Kew gardens it was the subject of much admiration. In the open ground it blooms even better than Solanum Jasminoides.

20 cts. each, $2 per doz., $8 per 100.

Solanum Seaforthianum. Electro B5358. $3. Colored plate, 10 cts.

Electro B5359. $3.

SOLANUM RANTONETTI

(The True Blue Tree Solanum.)

For this new Solanum we are indebted to our friend, Mr. Bruant, of France, a guarantee of its value. It is to be regretted that *S. Seaforthianum* should have been called Blue Solanum, when really a lavender color, while our plant is of the **very deepest and clearest blue**, which is brought out more vividly by a **yellow center.** It is **not a climber,** but forms a neat little bush 2 feet or more high, which is covered with bloom during the entire summer, and almost until Christmas. Sure to become popular as soon as known, being as easy to grow and bloom as a geranium, in pots or in the garden.

25 cts. each, $2 per doz., $12 per 100.
Delivery December 15.

We can confidently recommend these two Solanums as excellent plants, indeed, which will be greatly enjoyed by those purchasing, owing to their profuse blooming qualities.

SOLANUM WENDLANDI.

Solanum Wendlandi. Electro B5360, $4.50. Note size of single flower.

"Two beautiful Solanums are Seaforthianum and Wendlandi. They are really valuable plants, though, unfortunately, seen only in botanic gardens. We have never noticed Wendlandi anywhere except at Kew, where there are two splendid specimens, one in the Succulent house and the other in the Water Lily house. We have described it before, but mention it again, as it seems always in bloom, bearing a free display of the heavy masses of mauve-blue flowers, which are individually of very large size (2¾ inches across, in clusters of over 100). It is a superb climber." —*The Garden*, November 4, 1893.

Price, 50 cts. each, $3.50 per doz., $25 per 100.

IMPROVED DWARF ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHERRY.

This rare Cherry, a native of the Rocky Mountains, has been greatly improved by cultivation since its discovery. The fruit is as large as the Morello Cherry, and is far superior in richness and coloring and delicacy of flavor; for preserves or to eat out of hand it has no equal in the line of pitted fruits. The plants are of bushy habit, growing from 2 to 4 feet high, and when loaded with fruit the branches are bent to the ground. It is entirely hardy, and most desirable as an ornamental plant for garden or lawn.

Nice young plants, $10 per 100.

Improved Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.

Thyrsacanthus rutilans.

(CARMINE FOUNTAIN.)

We read in *Gardeners' Chronicle:* "Of all plants that bloom during winter and spring, the most graceful and beautiful, and best adapted for indoor decoration, is Thyrsacanthus. As a table plant its tubular blooms on long (20-inch) thread-like branches show to great advantage. Considering its easy growth and the length of time it lasts in bloom, it is just one of those plants that should find a place in every collection, however choice."

From *Fleurs des Serres*, by Mr. Louis Van Houtte: "To say that the plant has fulfilled all expectations is to keep within the truth. It was described and pictured as bearing racemes of flowers 6 to 8 inches long, yet the plant before us is covered with *sprays over 20 inches in length*, all garnished with *flowers of the brightest carmine*. It is a good plant in every meaning of the word; a precious plant for decorative purposes, and a credit to Mr. Linden."

We have grown a very large stock of it, knowing that it would be extensively advertised.

Price, 25 cts. each, $2 per doz., $15 per 100

B5371. *Thyrsacanthus rutilans.* (Carmine Fountain.) Electro, $3.50.
B5372. Same electro, 3 inches, $2.50.

B5369. *Strobilanthes Dyerianus.* (Royal Purple.) Electro, $3.50.
B5370. Same electro, 3 inches, $2.50.

Strobilanthes Dyerianus.

(ROYAL PURPLE.)

A new house and bedding plant sent out this year by Messrs. F. Sander & Co., of England, at **$2 each**, and to which was awarded the Gold Medal offered by the King of Belgium at the Ghent exhibition. It forms a compact bush 18 inches high, with leaves 6 to 9 inches long, 3 to 4 inches wide, and of the most intense *metallic purple* color, shading into light rose with a light green margin, a combination unapproached by any other plant. The flowers are a lovely violet-blue, very beautiful. Mr. Pfister, of the White House, Washington, put it in the open border, where it grew and colored up beyond all expectation in a very exposed position. It has created a veritable sensation wherever exhibited, and will be grown by the thousand as a bedding plant, while at the same time one of the most brilliant decorative plants in existence; for table ornament, parlor or greenhouse, nothing can equal it.

Price, 30 cts. each, $3.50 per doz., $15 per 100 Delivery December 15, Special prices for later delivery.

SACALINE. The New Forage Plant.

(90 to 180 TONS PER ACRE.)

The claims made for this wonderful *new forage plant* may appear extravagant, and yet, they are borne out by testimonials of the strongest character and by horticulturists of the greatest prominence, whose statements can not for a moment be doubted, endorsed as they are by the agricultural press of the entire world.

Sacaline is *not a new plant*, having been grown and sold for more than 20 years as an ornamental plant by the principal nurserymen. Its qualities *as a forage plant*, however, were not discovered until 1893, when, the severe drought experienced in France having destroyed every other forage plant but this, it was found that cattle, horses and sheep ate it with avidity! This created such a demand for it that French nurserymen purchased every plant that was obtainable in this country at any price, and even seed sold at $[illegible] per pound. If it is considered so valuable in France, it certainly must be still more so for this country, where the cattle interest is so enormous, especially in the south and west, where forage is nearly always scarce, inasmuch as it will flourish where no other forage plant will grow. It is recommended by such great authorities on agriculture as Professors L. H. Bailey, L. H. Pammel and J. L. Budd, of the Iowa Agricultural College; Dr. Hexamer, of the *American Agriculturist*, and by all seedsmen who have grown it.

The Claims Made For It Are:

That it is perfectly hardy, even in Siberia; stands also the greatest heat; requires no plowing before planting; needs no cultivation, no manuring, no replanting; grows in poorest soil—also, in wet lands, and where no other plant will grow. Once planted, stands forever. The young shoots are eaten like asparagus. Stems and leaves, green or dry, greatly relished by sheep, cattle and horses. It is more nutritious than clover or lucerne; an excellent soil enricher. Grows 14 feet high by June; can be cut every month. Produces 90 to 180 tons of green forage per acre, and the roots penetrate so deep into the soil that they can not be destroyed, pulled up, or be trampled out by cattle.

A plant that is so valuable, and at the same time ornamental, can certainly be advertised and endorsed by every seedsman in this country, especially when it will flourish on any waste spot of the farm where nothing else will grow, and provide everlasting forage for summer and winter.

Extracts from nearly a score of horticultural publications will be found in our *Sacaline pamphlet*, sent free on application. Electros furnished free of charge to those ordering liberally.

Price of Plants, Roots and Seed.

Our stock of plants and roots will not be ready for delivery until December 1. All orders will be filled in rotation as received. We will deliver strong and well-rooted plants from 2½-inch pots, that can be set out at once in mild localities.

Prices for Deliver December 1 to March 15.		Prices for Delivery after March 15, 1895.	
100 plants	$10 00	100 plants	$8 00
1,000 "	75 00	1,000 "	70 00
5,000 "	350 00	5,000 "	325 00
10,000 "	675 00	10,000 "	600 00

Seed of Sacaline. Our stock of Sacaline seed is at this date nearly all engaged; we have but a limited quantity remaining unsold. Delivery will be made as soon as fresh crop is received—probably by December 1, or sooner. Price, 1 oz., $2.50; ½lb., $18; 1 lb., $35; 5 lbs., $100.

These prices are without engagement, subject to being unsold, and likely to be increased.

"Japanese Golden Mayberry."

From the 1893 Catalogue of Luther Burbank, the celebrated originator of new fruits, of Santa Rosa, Cal., U. S. A.

A Raspberry which ripens its fruit before Strawberries.

"The earliest Raspberry ever known. The berries are of a golden straw color, as large as Cuthbert, and ripen here in April, *a month before Hansell*, before strawberries, and before the earliest of the standard Raspberries of the past have hardly awakened from their winter rest. The bushes are distinct from all others, growing like trees, 6 to 8 feet high, with spreading tops; and all along the branches large, white, well-shaped blossoms are pendent, which are soon followed by the great, sweet, glossy, golden, semi-translucent berries.

"The plants, when well established, will surprise one with their abundance of fruit.

"The history of this variety is as follows: Some ten years ago I requested my collector in Japan to hunt up the best wild Raspberries, Blackberries and Strawberries that could be found. Several curious species were received the next season, and among them a red and also a dingy yellow unproductive variety of *Rubus palmatus*. One of these plants, though bearing only a few of the most worthless, tasteless, dingy yellow berries I have ever seen, was selected solely on account of its unusual earliness, to cross with Cuthbert and other well-known Raspberries. Among the seedlings raised from this plant was this one, and, though no signs of the Cuthbert appear, yet it can hardly be doubted that Cuthbert pollen has effected some of the wonderful improvements to be seen in this new variety. Stock on hand, six very large clusters and 48 strong young suckers. Price, $800." (It was bought by Mr. J. L. Childs, and sold this year at $5 each!!)

Young plants, ready March 15, 50 cts. each, $4 per doz., $25 per 100; ready April 15, 35 cts. each, $3 per doz., $20 per 100. Strong 1-year-old plants, $1 each. Electro, $5.

SACALINE, The New Forage Plant.

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